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"Through the past twenty years observers have commented on the passivity, and the subserviency of the Formosan-Chinese to Japanese rule. However sullen or resentful the general populace may be, they have been without effective means of resistance. This is not to be attributed to meekness or lack of spirit, but rather to the extremes of force and cruelty with which the Japanese established initial order and imposed their elaborate system of controls, reaching into every household on the island and placing upon the members collective responsibility for the acts of individuals. Even the most generous allowances cannot conceal the fact that before the Japanese came the Formosan-Chinese population as a whole was capable of extremes of ferocity in mob action among themselves, not stopping short of ritual cannibalism (the eating of the hearts and livers of victims to acquire strength and spirit), nor of the cold-blooded sale of the flesh of captured aborigines on the open market both on the island and across the channel along the coast of Fukien. In the years before 1941, educated Formosans commented frequently (and of course privately) upon the probable extremes of mob action likely to be directed against the Japanese if ever an opportunity should be presented. That the Japanese are aware of this was amply demonstrated on February 18, 1938, when the attack of a single bomber from China caused the authorities to barricade public buildings and to set up machine guns throughout the capital city before they sounded the air raid alarm. The guns were directed at the Formosan-Chinese population."